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TEAMSTER LEADERS—Daniel Tobin, left, veteran president of the Teamsters Brotherhood, at concluding sessions of the union convention in Los Angeles, was named president emeritus and was succeeded as president by Dave Beck of Seattle. The convention voted to endorse Stevenson for President. Membership was reported as 1,250,000—the world's largest union.

Against Labor: Dan Tracy Says Injunctions Under T-H at 9-1 Ratio

President Dan Tracy of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers said that injunctions under the Taft-Hartley Act have been obtained by the general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board "at the rate of 9 against labor to each 1 against employers."

Writing in the Electrical Worker's Journal, Tracy gave an example of how one-sided T-H injunctions can be. An injunction was issued against the Farm Labor Union during a strike at the huge DiGiorgio Fruit Co. ranches in Southern California. Months later, after the strike had been smashed, the court held that the union's conduct was legal and voided the injunction.

"If injunctions can be used that effectively in years of prosperity," Tracy wrote, "then God help our unions if Taft-Hartley still stains our statute books in time of depression!"

Tracy pointed out that trade unions have been forced to spend millions of dollars in law suits to protect themselves against Taft-Hartley proceedings. In addition, he said, employers have slapped huge damage suits against unions and received favorable judgments from the courts.

The IBEW president emphasized that the damage would have been much greater if unemployment were high. "But we have seen enough," he told his members, "to confirm all our fears and to know that the law could destroy us in bad times."

Tracy said there was one way to meet the threat: "We must stand together and fight together where it will count most—at the ballot box on election day!"

Drop everything until Nov. 4—
Get out the vote!

Warning—

ONLY 53 DAYS
—Of Shopping
Till Christmas

Thomas Eide, business manager of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, was among the 23,000 who greeted Adlai Stevenson at the big rally in San Francisco last week. He says he was sitting down front where he could watch the candidate and the crowd and was greatly impressed with both.

Eide has been busy in San Francisco as official representative of the District Council of Carpenters at talks toward developing a welfare plan for carpenters, starting next year. He was in San Francisco one day last week and two days this week.

Voter Drive Hits Final Week

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Adlai Rallies in Key-State Cal. Shows Big Edge Over Ike

Labor in California is joining hands for next week's final full week before the election to get out the largest vote on record, following last week's triumphant Stevenson tour in which huge rallies gave him a big preference over Eisenhower who was here the week previous.

This line-up of the key voting state in the nation illustrated a significant trend to the Demo nominee, a trend which was moving on to conclusive results for the Nov. 4 election day as the GOP crusade broke down through its own incompetence.

The Republican daily press gave its usual treatment to Adlai—less space, smaller headlines, poorer pictures if any—but this hostility only served to whip up bigger crowds, with the anti-newspaper sentiment showing that 1952 is to be a repeat of 1948.

The swing to Adlai began to snowball with the delayed reaction

to his common-sense approach and with the delayed negative reaction to Ike's emotional appeal, his failure to get loose from the more stinko Republicans, and the vague income statements of himself and his boy, "Tricky Dick" Nixon, the millionaires' Charlie McCarthy.

Adlai drew far bigger crowds everywhere than did Eisenhower, but most of the daily press refused to mention this because of its great significance.

Nixon's refusal to answer any more press conference questions on his income, and Republican U.S. Senator Wayne Morse's switch to Adlai, hurt the GOP campaign immeasurably.

Meanwhile, with only a few days left, labor and its friends were rallying to the biggest voter drive ever undertaken. Results will show on Nov. 4 here and throughout the U. S. with the biggest vote on record.

All members of labor, their families and friends, are urged to get out the vote and to help in the election of labor's friends and the defeat of its proven enemies.

CULINARY-BAR DUES RAISED, NEW MEET SET

Increase in dues for members of Salinas Culinary Alliance & Bartenders Union 355 was announced last week by Secy.-Mgr. Alfred J. Clark, effective Nov. 1.

The dues for bartenders and cooks will be increased \$1, to \$4.50, while waitresses and miscellaneous workers will pay 50c more—\$3.75 a month. This includes \$1,000 insurance policies on all members, Clark added.

Also effective in November, Local 355 will have an additional meeting, Clark reported. This will be in the morning on the second Monday of each month henceforth, making the meeting schedule now 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. each second Monday, at the Salinas Woman's Club.

Last week's meeting of Local 355 also was featured by donation of \$10 to the Salinas Labor Council Christmas Party Fund, Clark said.

Burglars Break Doors, Cabinets At Labor Temple

Burglars spent some time on Friday night, Oct. 10, smashing into offices, desks and filing cabinets at the Salinas Labor Temple but scarcely earned union wages, spokesmen said. At best, less than \$10 in cash was taken, but damage to property ran several times that amount.

Offices of Laborers 272, Electricians 243 and Painters 1104 were ransacked thoroughly, but papers were left intact. Local 272 reported change taken from the soft drink machine change box. Local 243 reported no loss. Local 1104 reported a small amount of cash and change taken.

Damage to doors was such that extensive repairs to woodwork and locks were necessary. Entry was through the back door, which was pried open, and each office door was jimmied in turn. The offices in other buildings were not entered.

Mont. CLC Endorses Demo Candidates

Endorsement of Adlai E. Stevenson for President, John Sparkman for Vice-President, Will Hayes for U.S. Congressman and James E. Arnett for State Senator was voted by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at its last meeting.

Secy. Royal E. Hallmark of the council said business at the meeting also included a request that all local unions join in the endorsements and notify members.

Plans for formation of a Labor Blood Bank in Monterey were advanced and discussed, the idea being referred to the next meeting

for more thorough discussion. Bro. Woods of Laborers 690 was elected vice-president of the council to fill a vacancy.

Visitors and speakers at the council session included Ray Baugh, incumbent seeking re-election as judge, and David Gill, attorney, candidate for county supervisor.

Sacramento (LPA)—Jimmie Hicks, editor of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin, has started a 15-minute radio program—Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.—to present labor news and views.

Pensions, A Brake On Deflation

New York City.—A leading economist said that the increasing number of pensions and larger Social Security benefits will act as a brake against future deflation.

Dr. Marcus Nadler, consulting economist to the Hanover Bank of New York, said that "if the productive capacity of the country and the productivity of labor, machinery and equipment continue to rise, the existence of pensions and old-age benefits will contribute to economic stability."

"Under such conditions the existence of a large number of non-productive individuals with a steady income will tend to maintain the demand for consumer goods."

Pension plans were termed "definitely anti-inflationary" also by Prentice-Hall Inc., a business publishing firm. It pointed out that by 1960 there will be 16 million persons over 65 who will have a huge reservoir of retirement funds. Their spending power will exceed \$10 billions a year.

The Social Security Administration reported that 4,725,000 persons were receiving old-age and survivors' insurance payments from the government at the end of August. Monthly benefits amounted to \$1.9 billion yearly. As of last Dec. 31, 62 million persons were insured under Social Security, with 23 million being permanently insured. The AFL has called for even wider coverage and higher benefits.

New Office Secy. For Carpenters

New office employee for Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 is Mary Smith, engaged last week as an assistant to Office Manager Mildred Hill. She will be in charge of dispatching carpenters to local work projects and will do regular office work.

Anchovies Still

The run of anchovies in the Monterey area continued to provide good work for members of Fish Cannery Workers Union, according to officials. Nine plants are operating on anchovies, when available, and two shifts are being employed by some plants, it was reported. Nearly 1500 cannery workers are employed in the current run.

Vote—Get Out the Vote Nov. 4

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3. Every year or two (three at the most) check on your social security account. The social security office will help you.

4. Plan to visit the social security office when you reach 65, whether you plan to retire or not, to get helpful information.

5. Tell your family to visit the social security office in case of your death.

Information on these and other points concerning old-age and survivors insurance may be obtained from the Social Security Administration field office located at the above address.

Social Security at 60
Urged by Mine Wkrs.

Cincinnati (LPA) — Sen. R. A. Taft "is the articulate zombie of oppressive and predatory life in America," President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers told the UMW's 41st annual convention here. "God help the American people if he ever becomes President of the U.S. by proxy." The delegates voted resolutions calling for repeal of Taft-Hartley, keeping offshore oil lands in the hands of the people and beginning Social Security payments at age 60. They opposed a "large daily labor newspaper."

Every man, woman and child in the country strikes 3280 matches during the course of a year.



MARIE AGAIN.—Marie Wilson opened the football season for us last year, too, and she did such a good job that we brought her back this season for a repeat performance. (LPA)

Calif. Key State,
Our Votes Vital

The crucial importance of California in the November 4 Presidential election is on everyone's mind as the month of October draws to its close.

That word "everyone" means what it says—everyone had his eyes on California, the state with the second largest block of votes in the Electoral College which actually elects the President and Vice President . . . the state whose vote actually changed the result of one historic Presidential election.

That was proved when both major parties sent their Presidential candidates barnstorming through California within the span of one week.

By the time this is read our Presidential candidate, Governor Adlai Stevenson, the choice of all labor, will have addressed the vast meeting in San Francisco's Cow Palace and will have been seen and heard by many of us—at that meeting and in his talk in Oakland the next day.

From these speeches and his others in the recent weeks we already know that Stevenson is campaigning on the issues. He is running on a platform that incorporates most of the suggestions made by the AFL to the Democratic convention.

He has come out flatly for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law, and for general continuation of the Fair Deal program.

In contrast, the pleasant-looking General who has become the captive of Big Business and Senator Taft, has been making speeches about generalities, except when he comes out with a gem like promising to let the states take over the government reclamation projects (which in California means giving the Central Valley Project to PG&E).

But the best guide to the fate in store for labor if the Republicans win continues to be Dick "Trust-Fund" Nixon, whose anti-labor record in the Senate tells us all we need to know.

Thus, while "everyone is looking to California," we must look to ourselves. The vote of all the union men and women in California and of their families and friends is needed to bring victory in this election.

The importance of every member of our union casting his vote on Nov. 4 and getting all his family and friends to vote for labor's candidates and for labor's views on the state propositions is expressed in the following message from the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters.

Here is the message:

With election day only a few days off, the one fact that each union member should bear in mind is that economic strength can be nullified by political weakness. Events of the past six years have proved this point completely. In the last quarter of a century organized labor has made many gains through its economic strength. A few years ago working people began taking these gains for granted. They stayed away from the polls because they did not think it necessary to vote.

Labor has been losing ground constantly due to the reactionary attitude of a lot of people in Congress. It is no longer a matter of seeking new gains, rather the problem is to hold the gains which have already been made.

When Congress adjourned in July, bills to ban industry-wide bargaining; to prevent international unions from helping unions negotiate contracts, were all in the making. Unless the complex of Congress is changed by the election of more men who understand labor's problems and are sympathetic to the needs and aims of working people, many anti-labor bills may be expected.

Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that November 4th will decide whether ordinary citizens begin moving forward again in the legislative field or whether they continue fighting a rear guard action to maintain what they already have. It all depends on what the union members of the nation



ALL OUT FOR ADLAI

do to get out the vote and see that their families and friends do likewise. A decent and progressive Congress can be elected. If they let this election go by default as they did on the last several occasions, more anti-labor, anti-working-man legislation can be expected.

It is as simple as that. Protect your interests by voting.

Business Income
At Record High—
Ake to 'Revive' It

New York (LPA) — While Big Business is moaning in anguish over how it is being "ruined" federal figures Oct. 9 revealed the money is running out of their ears. The Securities and Exchange Commission estimated that net working capital of all U.S. corporations increased in the second quarter of 1952 by \$1.6 billion, to an all-time high of \$85.7 billion.

And despite the cry of Republicans campaign orators that business has no confidence in the future, and only a Republican administration can save the country from ruin, corporations showed so little fear of the future that in the second quarter of 1952 they invested \$6 billion in plant and equipment, according to the SEC.

Despite these figures, appearing in all metropolitan papers, Sen. Taft declared at LaPorte, Indiana, that Gen. Eisenhower would "revive" the nation's economic and industrial progress.

The National Industrial Conference Board the same day reported that since the end of World War II, industrial expansion has proceeded at an unparalleled pace and that in the 1946-51 period 138 companies operating 1446 separate plants had made 614 additions to capacity.

Meanwhile, bank loans to business in the New York area reached a high level of \$7.88 billion, a rise of \$54 million in one week.

And personal income in August was reported at a yearly rate of \$267 billion, up \$10 billion over the August 1951 figure and up \$3 billion over July 1952.

Reflective Bargaining

Lyons Falls, N. Y.—When representatives of Local 148, AFL Paper Makers, and of the Gould Paper Co. sit down to negotiate a contract, they're really out for a buck. The Sunday work clause in the latest agreement declares that there will be no Sunday work "during June, July and August, nor on the Sunday before Labor Day nor the first Sunday of deer hunting season."

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The Office of Price Stabilization says that the suspensions resulted because the items involved were selling below ceiling prices.

The move is an outgrowth of action on the price control program by the recent session of Congress. OPS says that if prices on any of the clothing groups again rise above ceilings, controls will be restored.

The fear, however, is that decontrol may be taken as a signal to boost prices, and that the effect of the entire movement may be to undermine the stabilization program.

OPS suspended price controls on all types of shoes except all-rubber or canvas, and rubber shoes such as galoshes, tennis shoes and the like on Sept. 23.

Price controls on all hosiery except for surgical and corrective use were lifted Oct. 7.

Ceilings on the basic materials—hides and skins in the case of shoes, and textiles in the case of hosiery—had previously been suspended.

AFL economists in Washington declare that the order on clothing will include all types of men's, women's, infants' and children's apparel, including work clothing.

Watsonville Daily Is For Stevenson

Published in an area dominated by wealthy Republican ranchers, the daily Watsonville Register-Pajaronian last week took a courageous stand and came out flatly for the election of Aalai Stevenson.

In an editorial, the paper said it had strongly favored Eisenhower when he was nominated, since it appeared he had beaten the GOP Old Guard. But now, the paper declared, Ike "embraces the very elements of the party he defeated in Chicago. His speeches sound less and less like the hope of the free world, and more and more like political expediency."

On the other hand, the Register-Pajaronian said it has been "vastly impressed with the earnest, factual, uncompromising approach of the Stevenson campaign."

It said it had hoped that a new GOP would get a chance in Washington, but the Great Crusade has flopped. "Governor Stevenson, on the other hand, has been indulging in some unprecedented plain talk" . . . refuses to double-talk, won't be pressured, and is experienced in civil administration.

"He appeals to the voter's mind, not to his passions and prejudices. His speeches are his own. He has talked sense, as he said he would. He has the makings of a great statesman."

Denver (LPA)—An 11c pay hike ended a seven-day strike by the Teamsters against Safeway Stores in this area. Safeway settled after the Grocery Warehouse Association agreed to terms. New hourly rate is \$1.54.

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(AFL Release)

On Dec. 7, 1949, Gen. Eisenhower said in a speech in Galveston, Tex.: "If all that Americans want is security, they can go to prison."

BLS Wage Survey

(State Fed. Release)

For the fourth successive year, federal, state and local agencies are joining with the Bureau of Labor Statistics to conduct an all-purpose survey of wages and salaries* in the San Francisco Bay area.

Field representatives of the Bureau are now visiting representative employers in manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries.

Survey results will be used in determination of pay scales for government employees in the area—municipal, state, and federal—and will be available as well for collective bargaining negotiations between management and labor groups and for other public uses.

Participating with the Bureau will be the U. S. Dept. of Defense, the California State Dept. of Industrial Relations, the California State Personnel Board, the City of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, and most East Bay and Peninsula municipalities and jurisdictions.

BEETHOVEN AND AUTRY

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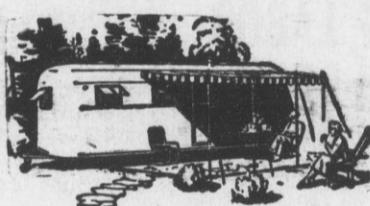
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Labor Merely Built the Base

Washington (LPA)—The dailies carried the story on page one recently—a vast secret air base had been built at Thule, Greenland, by the U.S. The stories were dated Thule, because the reporters had been flown there by the Air Force.

But the same story, with plenty of photographs, was available the same morning in the Sept. 22 issue of Life magazine, which is reported to have spent \$300,000 gathering the facts and taking the pictures.

Which means that the Defense Dept. of the United States, paid for with the people's tax money, had cooperated with a commercial venture to give them a scoop, an exciting story—and lots of prestige and circulation.

(Editor's Note: This is probably a good place to remind all union members that Life magazine is on the "Do Not Patronize" list.)

The labor press was not notified, not invited to fly to the base.

And nowhere in the magazine accounts, or in the news stories, was the fact mentioned that the workers who built the base were in the main members of the AFL building and construction trades, recruited secretly in St. Paul long ago.

Chicago AFL Unions Go All-Out in Effort To Elect Stevenson

Chicago (LPA)—AFL unions here are going all out in the campaign to elect Gov. Adlai Stevenson. For the first time in its 56-year history, the Chicago Federation of Labor made a presidential endorsement when 400 delegates representing 500,000 members approved by acclamation a recommendation of the executive boards supporting Stevenson and Sparkman. Democratic candidates for Congress from the Chicago area also were endorsed.

On Oct. 13 the Chicago-Cook County AFL Committee for Stevenson for President swung into action after members of 210 locals had contributed \$60,000. Among its scheduled activities are:

Five-minute television programs Monday through Thursday until Oct. 30 at 6:15 p.m.; a 15-minute telecast Nov. 3, with Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.), Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) and Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin taking part; radio programs and spot announcements 24 hours a day over the Chicago Federation of Labor's own station, WCFL; personal letters on election issues, supporting Stevenson, sent to the homes of all CFL members.

U.S. Seeks to Save Price and Rent Curbs Despite Opposition

Washington (LPA)—The federal government took steps Oct. 9 to salvage what it can of price and rent protection for consumers in spite of sabotage by Congress and local real estate and commercial interests.

The steps include plans for hearings in 15 cities designated as critical defense areas in spite of the slaying of rent controls in many of them; plans to designate 20 to 40 more critical areas for rent controls; plans to establish local price-stabilizing boards in 85 cities; the announcement by Price Stabilizer Tighe E. Woods that he would have to abandon his tour of interviewing housewives on controls to get back to Washington to work out positive programs; and the announcement by Economic Stabilizer Roger Putnam that he will ask the next Congress to extend controls beyond the April 30 death date.

If you want to live like a Republican—
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YES ON 13!

'LEGALIZED RACKET' SEEN IN HIKING OF INSURANCE ON CARS

New York (LPA)—Staggering increases in the cost of automobile insurance are largely due to outright profiteering, although the insurance companies attempt to blame an increase in accidents and higher cost of making repairs, says Sidney Margolius, economist and writer on consumer problems for Labor Press Associated.

The jacking up of insurance rates "has all the earmarks of a legalized racket," Margolius says in an article in the current issue of the national magazine "Cavaliere." He points out that "when rates are boosted 7 times in 6 years, when car insurance suddenly costs you as much per year as the gas you use, or the depreciation of your car, something is obviously wrong."

There are more accidents because there are more cars on the roads but the number of accidents per car, or the number of damage claims per insurance policy has changed little since 1947 and is lower than before the war, he says in refuting the companies' claims.

The real trouble is that only half of what a motorist pays for an insurance policy is used to provide protection; the rest goes for profits and "administrative expenses" of the companies and commissions to their salesmen, Margolius

charges. The insurance officials of most states, who are supposed to protect citizens from being cheated, fail to question this 50-50 split of the driver's dollar. While the numbers game is recognized as a notorious racket, Margolius points out that its operators "take a smaller bite for selling, administration and profit than do the automobile insurance companies—which, of course, are legitimate."

It is the 50-50 arrangement that explains why some insurance companies seem so lenient in approving damage claims, he says. When their costs go up they jack up the rates—not just enough to cover higher costs but doubling it to cover "overhead," and thus higher costs mean greater profits.

This also explains, Margolius adds, why some cooperative companies like Farm Bureau of Ohio and Factory Mutual can charge much lower rates than those of most stock insurance companies.

If enough drivers tell their state officials that they do not approve of the 50-50 split of their insurance dollar, Margolius advises, there may be some reluctance for states to approve requests for rate hikes.

Transit Wkrs. Get 4-Week Vacations In New Contract

Detroit (LPA)—The four-week vacation for transit workers in this country, long sought by their AFL union, has become a reality, it was announced at headquarters here of the Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees. Expressing confidence that in the "foreseeable future" such leaves will be enjoyed by all members, Pres. A. L. Spradling said:

"Our Division 19, at Colorado Springs, Colo., has just negotiated a contract calling for four weeks of vacation time for all those with 20 or more years of service." Those with 10 years get three weeks, with two-week vacations after two years, he added, with the three weeks after 10 years becoming the accepted pattern in the industry.

The four-week vacation had previously been obtained by a Canadian local at Windsor, Ont., he said, but with two years longer service, or a total of 22 years.

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McMahan's Furniture Unfair: McMahan Furniture Store is still on the "We Do Not Patronize" list and a picket is on duty there.

Clerks, Butchers Win OK on Pay Increase

Detroit (LPA)—Wage increases averaging 12½c an hour, retroactive to June 16, have been approved for 1156 AFL Retail Clerks and Butchers by the Michigan Wage Stabilization Board. The workers are employed by C. F. Smith Co., a subsidiary of National Tea Co.

Also approved was an escalator clause providing for quarterly pay adjustments of 1c an hour for each change of 1.14 points in the consumer price index. The company and the two unions joined in petitioning for the wage hikes, which the board chairman said would compensate for the rise in living costs and "correct interplant inequities."

Adlai Not Too Highbrow for Omaha Milkmen

Washington (LPA)—The milkman in Omaha has for years been used as a symbol for John Q. Public, Joe Doakes, the "man in the street." The theory is that if "the milkman in Omaha" understands you, you are reaching the average citizen.

In the campaign, the GOP shudderers have been bleating that Gov. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic nominee, is too "highbrow"—that he is talking "over the heads" of the people.

Labor's Committee for Stevenson and Sparkman decided to find out—by asking the milkmen in Omaha. There are about 300, and 109 of them who could be reached in a hurry were polled by Irving Schmidt, secretary of the Teamsters' Council there. Most of the 109 are members of Local 554, General Drivers Union.

Schmidt reported to George M. Harrison, chairman of Labor's Committee for Stevenson and Sparkman, that "every one of the 109 said he had no trouble understanding Stevenson. Some resented the suggestion that the Governor's addresses were too deep for them."

Harrison added that the 109 who were polled also were asked how they would vote. The answers: 91 for Stevenson, 18 undecided or refused to say.

Supreme Court to Rule on Picketing Non-Union Project

Washington (LPA)—The U. S. Supreme Court decided Oct. 13 to review a Richmond, Va. city court decision ordering Plumbers Local 10 (AFL) to stop picketing a non-union construction project at George Washington Carver School. The Richmond court also assessed the union \$190 damages.

The construction company, Graham Bros., obtained the court order on the ground that the picketing was intended to force use of only union labor on the job, in violation of state law.

The local said its purpose was merely to inform members that the project was not all union, and argued that the ban on picketing constituted a violation of the right of free speech. The local appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court when the Virginia Supreme Court refused to review the case.

Colored Weekly Favors Stevenson

Baltimore (LPA)—"Stevenson Is the Man" reads the heading on a front-page editorial appearing Oct. 11 in all editions of the Afro-American, largest of the colored weekly newspapers in circulation.

The two-column editorial, 18 inches long, declares "The record of the Truman administration . . . has brought unprecedented progress to our colored citizens"; calls the civil rights plank of the Democrats "unquestionably" superior to the Republicans; points out Eisenhower repudiated his party's plank, while Stevenson did just the opposite; declares "our friends are not among the Dixiecrats whom Ike loves"; calls Ike's record on race relations in the Army "miserable," while Stevenson's record as governor of Illinois is good; and concludes: "Under Roosevelt and Truman the Democratic party has been the champion of the little people. Adlai Stevenson has promised to carry out its platform and programs. To us he looks like a president, thinks like a president, talks like a president, and acts like a president."

Worcester, Mass. (LPA)—On recommendation of its political education committee, the Central Labor Union here has voted \$100 to the Worcester United Labor Committee.

YES ON 13!

BIG BIZ RULES CALIF. THANKS TO CROSS-FILE

(State Fed. Release)

The Proposition 13 fight to eliminate cross-filing in California picked up speed this week with the issuance of a campaign pamphlet emphasizing the need for party responsibility in state politics.

Printed by the California Committee to Abolish Cross-Filing, the pamphlet is available free of charge to interested unions and organizations. It recommends a YES vote on Proposition 13.

In a letter to all central councils and affiliated political leagues, C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the state AFL movement, urged that copies be mailed to every union member in California.

The California State Federation of Labor endorsed Proposition 13 at its August convention in Santa Barbara.

Under the cross-filing system, politicians are permitted to enter primary campaigns on all party tickets without identifying their own political affiliation.

No other state in the union permits cross-filing. The process has long been challenged by the state AFL movement and others interested in responsible government.

Net result of the cross-filing system has been the almost total breakdown of party platforms in California and the ascendancy of Big Business lobbyists in legislative influence.

Free copies of the Proposition 13 pamphlet may be obtained by contacting the California Committee to Abolish Cross-Filing, 21 Sutter St., San Francisco.

Cold Medicines Just Don't Work, Doctor Declares

Rochester, Minn. (LPA)—Antihistamines, antibiotics and other expensive remedies are useless in curing colds, says Dr. Walter C. Alvarez of the Mayo Foundation, and just as useless are laxatives, vaccines, aspirin, quinine, whisky, hot lemonade, patent medicines, and cold shorts. Bread pills would work just as well.

These conclusions result from tests given on a vast scale to two "guinea pig" groups, one receiving medication, the other going untreated. Usually there have been about 500 persons in each test group.

To illustrate, Dr. Alvarez tells of tests conducted years ago by the Army on the value of laxatives. One group of soldiers coming down with colds was given laxatives; an identical group went unpurged. It was found that those given laxatives were much sicker and had to stay in bed an extra two days, on the average.

The only medication that has proved at all effective, he said, was one-fourth grain each of codeine and papaverine, which worked cures in about 80 per cent of the test cases (50 per cent of all colds disappear quickly anyway, treated or untreated.) The trouble with this mixture is that codeine requires a doctor's prescription.

Nostrums do give some relief, though, he conceded. Aspirin eases pain. Inhalers and nose drops unplug a stuffed-up nose, giving some comfort. Antihistamines can clear away complications.

Dr. Alvarez noted one other "cure"—advancing age. The older one gets the less susceptible to colds he is.

Denver (LPA)—Harold Knight, who writes the weekly political column for the Colorado Labor Advocate, has authored his fourth book, titled "Farming Around the World" and published by the Farmers Union. Profusely illustrated, the manual is intended primarily for young people.



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(State Fed. Release)

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Presented in question and answer form, the release depicts the role of referee, injured worker, doctor, attorney, and others who may participate.

Free copies of the release may be obtained by writing Frank A. Lawrence, Industrial Accident Commission, 965 Mission St., San Francisco 3.

Sweden Boasts 52 Labor Dailies

Charleston, W. Va.—Woodruff Randolph, president of the Int'l. Typographical Union, speaking of Labor's Daily, first labor daily in the U. S., told labor officials here that Sweden has 52 labor dailies, owned and published by unions.

BE SURE YOU VOTE!

ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY NOV. 4th!

M'CARTHY WON BY LABOR VOTE SPLIT

(State Fed. Release)

The daily press was quick to gloat that "Labor Votes Double Cross Labor Bosses," in commenting on the victory of Senator Joseph McCarthy in the primary. A second look at the Milwaukee count shows the press was wrong.

Labor's vote was split between three liberal, anti-McCarthy candidates. Together they got 121,919 votes to 77,343 for McCarthy in the city, and with the suburbs included, they got 161,576 to 111,985 for McCarthy. Of the 27 wards in the city McCarthy carried only the three "silk stocking" wards.

Labor split its votes between Leonard Schmitt, Tom Fairchild, and Henry Reuss. Schmitt, hard-hitting "talkathon" Republican, attracted many Democrats, and was bitterly opposed by the GOP machine. Fairchild, best Democratic vote-getter in a decade, former state attorney general, actually

got the Democratic vote. Reuss, Milwaukee attorney, went up and down the state with CIO blessing, and pulled no punches. In 8 of 11 strong labor wards in Milwaukee, Reuss got more votes than McCarthy.

Republicans traditionally get a stronger turnout in Wisconsin primaries, and this year it was the same story. In 1948 only 18.7 per cent of the voters in the primary cast a vote for the Democratic candidate for governor, but in the November election the Democratic candidate for governor got 44.9 per cent of the vote, and Truman carried the state. In 1950 only 28.4 per cent voted in the Democratic primary, but the figure was 46.3 per cent in November.

McCarthy's real weak spot is the way he voted to deprive medical schools of federal funds so the people could have more doctors; the way he voted to weaken price controls, and the way he voted to give up the "tidelands oil" to the trusts instead of using it for better schools.

These are bread-and-butter issues to the people of Wisconsin as they are throughout the nation. McCarthy's record on these questions is down in black and white.

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NIKON OUR ENEMY, FRIEND OF WEALTH

The political fates apparently caught up this month with Sen. Richard Nixon, arch-enemy of the organized labor movement and Republican candidate for Vice-President.

Nixon has admitted receiving \$18,235 during the past year and a half from southern California businessmen as "gifts" to cover political expenses developed in connection with his senatorial duties.

Dana C. Smith, tax attorney and manager of the Nixon fund, told the press that a group of wealthy Californians had built the Nixon "gift" fund because "Dick is the outstanding salesman for free enterprise in the Senate."

"He is a great speaker and a great personality," he declared.

"Sen. William Knowland is less known. Warren has too much the social point of view for the people behind Dick . . . we couldn't go for Warren, but Dick did just what we wanted him to do," Smith said.

While the Nixon controversy boiled across the nation and the Republican second-place candidate prepared to address the country in self-defense, his voting record was sharply attacked by labor forces.

The AFL movement long has condemned Nixon as the voice of Big Business interests.

Nixon was wrong on the original Taft-Hartley vote. He was wrong on the T-H repeal vote. He was wrong on recommitting T-H.

He voted to relieve employers of liability under the Walsh-Healey Act, the Bacon-Davis Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

He voted to remove 750,000 people from benefits under the Social Security Law.

He voted against rent control in 1948. He voted to tear apart the Labor Department.

He voted against rules reform in the Senate. He voted against rent control a second time.

He voted against public housing. He voted against raising the minimum wage. He voted against the increase for Social Security.

He voted against Korean economic aid. He voted against speculation controls. He voted against credit curbs.

He voted against meat price control. He voted against price rollbacks after the Korean war began.

He voted against the soil conservation program. He voted against the war profits tax.

He voted against aid to our medical schools. He voted against rent controls again in 1952.

He voted to reduce the number of housing units to be built next year to 5,000 units.

He voted to publish relief rolls, thus exposing clients to public ridicule.

He voted the Big Business way on taxation.

\$7,500 a Week Gyp Of Workers Charged To Farm Operators

Washington (LPA)—Growers and labor contractors harvesting carrots in the Salinas Valley of California are gyping their workers out of \$7500 a week, the AFL Agricultural Workers Union charged Oct. 8. H. L. Mitchell, AWU president, said the cost of wires used to tie bunches of carrots was being deducted from workers' pay, in defiance of an agreement with Mexico, and the California law.

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It's Your \$1 vs. GOP Millions

(AFL Release)

Officers of Labor's League for Political Education pointed to the \$2 million which Republicans plan to spend in the last two weeks of the Presidential campaign as emphasizing the necessity of trade unionists to contribute \$1 to the League.

The National Citizens for Eisenhower and Nixon Committee announced it would saturate 49 selected counties in 12 "key" states with radio and television spot announcements, including newsreel shots of the general. The counties are in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

The "spots" will be obtained by asking national advertisers to surrender their commercial advertising time.

The plan will be executed by three large advertising agencies who are experts in the field of selling soap, bubble gum, and other commodities.

The only way to combat such propaganda, LLPE officials said, is for workers to join Labor's League by voluntarily contributing a dollar to help elect their friends and defeat their enemies. Labor cannot hope to match the funds which are available to Eisenhower and Nixon, they said, but every dollar will be spent to help neutralize GOP propaganda.

THE One Big Difference— GOP UTTERLY FAILS ON BENEFITS TO THE PEOPLE

(AFL Release)

The Public Affairs Institute, a nonpartisan research service, said that the "clearest-cut" differences between the Democratic and Republican platforms can be found in the policies of the two parties on social legislation.

For instance, it reported, "The Democratic platform calls for extension and improvement of the national system of social security. The Democrats specifically call for the increase of benefits for the old age and survivors' benefits, extending them to more people and lowering the retirement age for women."

AN ABOUT-FACE

"The Republican plank restricts itself to the promise of more efficient administration of the social

security system, a study of 'universal pay-as-we-go pension plans' and an amendment which would provide coverage 'for those justly entitled to it but who are now excluded.'

"This latter promise would appear as an about-face from the previous Republican policy, since the Republican-controlled 80th Congress actually kept half a million persons off the social security rolls."

The Institute said the Democrats have pledged "vigorous support" for medical research, federal aid for medical education and hospital construction.

The Republicans, it said, promised support for "those health activities by government which stimulate the development of adequate hospital services without federal interference in local administration."

EDUCATION STAND

Commented the Institute, "No concrete proposals are made as to how this can be done."

The PAI said the Republicans expressed opposition to federal aid to education "by indirection" in that they subscribed fully to the principle that the responsibility for education should rest "fully" upon "the local communities and the states."

The GOP platform made no mention of child welfare.

"The Democrats," declared the PAI, "favor federal contributions to states whose local units conform with minimum standards. (They) also pledge immediate action looking toward federal aid for new school construction, additional teachers' salaries, and funds for school maintenance and repair."

"The Democratic platform comes out for strengthening maternity, child health and welfare services, enlargement of the federal school lunch program, provision of day care facilities, and health, welfare and educational services for the children of migratory workers."

HIS

Pension IS OK

Indianapolis.—U. S. Sen. William Jenner (R., Ind.), who is running for re-election against Democratic Gov. Henry Schricker, has been receiving a disability pension of \$150 a month from the Federal Government since 1944, it was revealed recently. Jenner collected his pension secretly.

Republican Jenner is one of the members of Congress who advocated publishing the names of all elderly persons who are on relief rolls.

4-Legged Union Member Hailed As 'Good Picket'

Oakland.—Proud possessor of a union card is a 92-pound English bulldog just "initiated" into Laundry Drivers Local 209, an affiliate of the Int'l. Brotherhood of Teamsters. Membership was granted by acclamation because of his potential value as a picket. Bus. Mgr. C. O. Jackson, owner of "Spike," said his dog "doesn't talk, like humans do, and he should make a real good picket."

Committee Starts Drafting Carpenters Welfare Plan

Actual work on setting up the Carpenters 46-county welfare plan finally got under way last week.

The preliminary investigation and planning for what to do with the 7½-cent welfare payment won in the strike was climaxed by a three-day session in San Francisco October 7 through 9.

This meeting, held in the Hotel Whitcomb, brought together Carpenter representatives from the 10 Northern California district councils and from the various unaffiliated Carpenter locals.

For two days they listened to representatives of the various insurance carriers writing welfare plans and to a number of independent experts who are consultants in the field.

The third day was a session by the union men only, devoted to discussing and digesting the advice and proposals laid before them in the previous two days.

This session completed the laying of the groundwork for our welfare setup. It was decided to have a subcommittee start Wednesday, Oct. 15, on writing up a proposed plan.

This committee consists of a representative from each of the District Councils and one additional member, Bro. George Weise of Carpenters Local 2046 in Martinez, who will represent all the locals not part of district council setups.

The welfare plan draft that comes out of this committee will come up for approval before the larger group that met this month and, eventually, will go before the districts and locals.

It is expected that completion of the welfare plan will take some time, although it must be ready a sufficient time before the March 1, 1953, date when it is to go into effect.

Former Nixon Backers Switching to Democrats

Whittier, Calif.—Morris Richardson, former mayor of Whittier, home town of Sen. Richard Nixon, registered as a Democrat after voting for 27 years as a Republican.

"I became thoroughly convinced it was time for a change and so I registered as a Democrat," Richardson declared.

Meantime, Nixon's 1950 campaign manager in Marin County, John Wiley, announced that he, too, has switched to the Democrats.

AFL Elevator Operators Win 40-hour Fight

Chicago.—More than 1,600 AFL elevator operators won a smashing victory here for better wages and working conditions after a five-day strike which tied up 123 office buildings in the Loop.

Under the settlement ratified by the workers, they will attain the 40-hour week, their main objective, by Jan. 1, 1954, at higher pay than they are now receiving for 48 hours. Wages were increased by 2¢ an hour, retroactive to Oct. 1.

Next April 1, the scale will go up to \$1.70 an hour on a 44-hour week basis. Nine months later it will go up again—to \$1.95 an hour for a 40-hour week.

The strike was the first called by Local 66 of the Building Service Employees Int'l. Union in 49 years against the Building Managers' Assn. It was called after 45 days of fruitless negotiation for a reduced workweek without loss of pay. The strike, backed by other AFL unions, left 400,000 office workers in Chicago skyscrapers stranded.

TALK ABOUT COMMUNISM -- HERE'S A REAL DANGER!

(AFL Release)

"At a time when big business in this country is peddling the propaganda that democracy is a fake and that majority rule is autocratic, great danger faces this country if the people remain indifferent and fail to go to the polls.

"There is greater danger to our free way of life in the indifference of the American people to their obligations as citizens than there is from the few Communists, in and out of government, on American soil.

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